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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 13 May 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 25X1 1. RS - Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland (CEP) #1 with [] as Chief Instructor, was kicked off on Tuesday as Soviet demands for inclusion of all three countries at the conference table reverberated from Geneva. Casualties for our program were both DDP division chiefs who were scheduled to speak.
- 25X1 [] pinch-hit for Critchfield on less than 30 minutes notice, with a short but highly effective presentation of EE's policies on area training and of the strategic importance of all three countries for the U.S. []
- 25X1 (ONE), substituting for [] on the role of the three in Soviet strategy, proved to be a stimulating speaker who is exceptionally well informed on the area. He kindly volunteered to jump in for the major talk of the day's program, on only 24 hours notice.
- 25X1 2. Total enrollment in this course now stands at 16, all CIA and half DDP, including 1 GS-14, 2 GS-13's, and 3 GS-12's. This is clearly the best showing we have made to date in pulling together a class for a course on Europe. Furthermore, the intensity of the students' participation on the first day and the sophistication of their questions suggest that we will be able to develop excellent discussions in the frequent class hours scheduled for this purpose.
- 25X1 3. [] principal attention will be directed toward Eastern Europe throughout the coming 12 months since he will turn in the fall to preparation of RS - Balkan States #1. Eastern Europe clearly carries a higher priority than Western Europe in respect to course requirements in the "Study" category, and modification of [] assignment in this direction will leave only two top priority areas uncovered, i.e., South Asia and Africa South of the Sahara. [] will continue to support me on Western Europe. We plan to work up a new one-hour session on [] political life and social institutions for inclusion in the AAO []
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4. AAO [redacted] ran three full days, on 5, 7, and 12 May, with an attendance of 21 on opening day. This number is considered large in view of the fact that 38 took this briefing only in December. Of particular note was the almost exact split between dependents and Agency personnel. This is the largest number of dependents, and by far the highest ratio of dependents to Agency employees ever recorded for this briefing. We believe this showing results from a widespread recognition of the value of the revised offering put on in December. The course was under the direction of [redacted]

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